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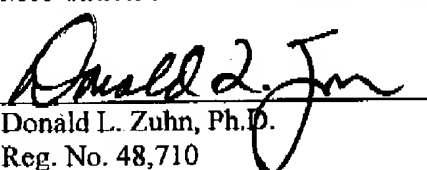
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AMENDMENT

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for meeting with Mr. Huw Jones and Applicants' undersigned representative on July 27, 2004 to discuss the instant application and for helpful discussions provided in the Interview that have materially advanced prosecution of this application. As requested by the Examiner during the Interview, Applicants hereby submit the following amendments and remarks for consideration.

Amendments to the Claims: Pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present a complete listing of the claims, including marked up versions of all currently amended claims, at pages 2-3.

Remarks: Applicants' Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.